

## Region 4 Area Advisory Council Meeting

April 15, 2014  
Hartford Area DCF Office  
250 Hamilton Street  
Hartford, CT.

**Present:** Aaronian, Donna; Becker, Sarah; Brown, Sophia; Caban-Hernandez, Janier; Carroll, Tim; Farrell, Alice; Flint, Bryan; Glynn, Hector; [Harris-Wilson, Tammy \(DCF\)](#); [Hernandez-Young, Maria \(DCF\)](#); Jacobs, Griselle; [Johnson, Latosha \(DCF\)](#); [Johnson, Wayne \(DCF\)](#); Kearney, Diane; [Lau, Chris \(DCF\)](#); Little, Lorna; Milliken, Emily; Palmer-Ehrenfeld, Parkinson, Alana; Roundtree, Regina; Schiessl, Kathy; [Scott, Charlette, \(DCF\)](#); Story, Zoe (For Martha Stone); Toni, Amanda; [Velez, Maritza, \(DCF\)](#); Waterhouse, Kelly; [White, Jeanette \(DCF\)](#).

**Absent Voting Members:** [Arciniegas, Milly](#); [Bastie, Deb](#); [Blue, Terrence](#); [Bryden, Liz \(Alternate\)](#); [Dufresne, Alexandra](#); [Farinella, Ivy](#); [Hunter, Colinda](#); [Johnson, Winston](#); [Lebron, Nick](#); [Perez, Salina \(Youth\)](#); [Robles, Josie](#); [Wilson, Beresford](#);

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The DCF Region 4 RAC meeting was held from 12- 2 PM for its general membership.

### Overview of Meeting

The primary purpose of the meeting was to discuss Public Act 13-178, the State of Connecticut's Children's Behavioral Health Plan and the process for the Region 4 RAC to submit its recommendations/observations to the Advisory Committee overseeing this plan. Key elements for the meeting included:

- Handouts to the attendees regarding the Children's Behavioral Health Plan, including the entitled documents listed below:
  - An Overview
  - Form for Submitting Written Input
  - Recommendations for Self-Guided Discussion Groups
- DCF Region 4, Administrator, Christine Lau gave feedback from last month's RAC presentation from Tim Marshall from DCF Central Office who discussed the direction of the department and its major initiatives including Public Act 13-178.
- RAC Region 4 Co-Chairperson, Regina Roundtree facilitated the creation of for 5 sub-committees to discuss specific topics of interest to the RAC

members as it pertains to the overall Children's Behavioral Health Plan. The 5 sub-groups were as follows:

- Child Welfare System and Mental Health
  - Educational System and Mental Health
  - Infant and Early Childhood Mental health
  - Prevention, Early Identification and Early Intervention
  - Substance Abuse and Recovery
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- The 5 sub-committees separated in their separate groups and discussed their specific subject matter as it pertains to the Children's Behavioral health Plan. The groups gave a brief presentation about their discussions prior to the end of the RAC meeting. It was agreed that each sub-committee would select a representative to coordinate the summarization of the group's observations/recommendations and forward them to RAC member Sarah Becker the following week. Sarah in turn would compile the data for review by the voting members by the May RAC meeting.
  - It was agreed that the next Region 4 RAC meeting would be of May 20, 2014 at the Hartford Area DCF Office from 12-2 PM for the Voting Members Only.

The Region 4 RAC meeting was adjourned around 2:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Johnson, Children's Services Consultant